

Arizona's Freeways among the Best

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A new transportation report from the group Trip says you're driving on some of the nation's best freeways.

That comes as no surprise to Arizona Department of Transportation's Doug Nintzel.

"With the investments that have been made here in Phoenix area from a regional standpoint, the use of the rubberized asphalt on the freeways means we have a smoother, more durable surface pavement and it really does make a difference," Nintzel said.

ADOT spend more than \$100 million each year on pavement preservation.

Nintzel said a continuing investment will be needed to ensure smoother rides and long lasting roads.

"It's a longer lasting type pavement and it creates the smoother ride for drivers here in the Phoenix area," Nintzel said.

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While Arizona received a 75 percent approval rating on Valley freeways, Los Angeles checks in at 9 percent.